CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SAN DIEGO REGION NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP FOR BASIN PLAN TRIENNIAL REVIEW

Public Workshop
August 5 at 1:30 p.m.
Regional Water Quality Control Board, Board Room,
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100,
San Diego, California 92123-4340

Public Workshop

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) invites you to attend a public workshop about the Basin Plan triennial review (triennial review) conducted by staff of the San Diego Water Board. The public workshop will be held:

Date: Thursday, August 5, 2010

Time: 1:30 - 3:30

Location: San Diego Water Board Office - Board Room

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Purpose

The purpose of the workshop is to initiate a new stakeholder-involved process that the San Diego Water Board intends to use while completing the triennial review.

Basin Plan Triennial Review

The Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (Basin Plan) contains the water quality standards applicable within the San Diego Region. The triennial review is a periodic review of the Basin Plan for the purpose of identifying necessary updates to water quality standards and other elements of the Basin Plan. The product of the triennial review is a list of priority basin planning issues to be investigated further and, where appropriate, addressed through the adoption of Basin Plan amendments. The list of priority issues is adopted by the San Diego Water Board and serves as a workplan to guide basin planning activities during the upcoming three year period. The triennial review is required by state and federal laws, and is termed a "triennial review" because it is mandated to occur every three years.

New Stakeholder-Involved Process

In an earlier solicitation (October 31, 2008 through January 9, 2009), the public provided input on basin planning issues to consider during the triennial review. To prioritize the many issues, the San Diego Water Board is now embarking on a new, stakeholder-involved process that includes the formation of a Triennial Review Advisory Committee (TRAC). The purpose of the TRAC is to enhance public participation by the regulated community and other stakeholders through participation in the prioritization of basin planning issues.

The San Diego Water Board intends the TRAC will be composed of a balanced constituency of approximately 20 representatives from the regulated community, land use planning agencies, resources agencies, NGOs, environmental advocates and other stakeholder interests in the region. TRAC membership will be determined through San Diego Water Board invitation and through nomination during the August 5, 2010 public workshop. Final TRAC membership will be decided by the management of the San Diego Water Board and announced shortly after the workshop. TRAC members will participate in a series of facilitated meetings during September and October and assist in the development of a draft list of priority issues. Through the TRAC process, the San Diego Water Board will strive to develop a consensus-based draft list of priority issues for public review and, ultimately, adoption by the San Diego Water Board. Opportunity to comment on the draft list of priority issues will be announced at a later date.

More information about the Triennial Review is available at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/tri_review.shtml.

Directions and Parking

Directions to the workshop are available at: (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/about us/). Scroll down to 'Where We Are' and click on Directions. Parking is available at the workshop. The workshop facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Lori Costa at (858) 467-2357 at least five working days prior to the workshop. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Staff Contact

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Dated: July 6, 2010

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